Digital Scanner-cum-printer Lying Idle

1346. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Risographic 5600-D, Digital Scanner-cum-printer (3 Nos.) worth Rs. 14.10 lakhs purchased by Directorate of Printing and installed in September, 1994 are lying idle;

(b) whether the Press Authorities failed to furnish the actual production of the said machines to the CAG investigating team; and

(c) the names of the officers who had caused loss to Government in the purchase of the said obsolete machines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Out of 3 Nos., Risograph 5600-D, digital scanner-cum-printer referred to, one machine installed at Government of India Press, Faridabad is out of order since September, 2000. The remaining two machines are in working condition and are being used.

(b) Production data of these machines could not be provided to the Special Investigation Team of Audit since these were not readily available at that time. The production data has however, been forwarded to the audit on 09.8.2001. No further comments have so far been received from the audit.

(c) These machines are having electronic/digital components. All the three machines were installed in the year 1994. These machines have, therefore, already outlived their normal life span. Since these machines are either being used or have already outlived their normal life span, there is no question of any loss to the Government.

Review of programmes for construction of two million houses for weaker sections

1347. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the implementation of the programmes for constructing two million houses for the economically weaker sections of society, as envisaged in National Housing Policy, 1998;

(b) if so, the details thereof, alongwith the houses constructed in the last four years, State-wise;